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SUBJECT: N.Z. FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER IN U.S.

1. THE CHRISTCHURCH "PRESS" IN ITS FIRST EDITORIAL ON MAY 31 COMMENTED UNDER THE HEADING "MR TALBOYS IN THE UNITED STATES":
2. "THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON DISARMAMENT WILL BE THE FIRST STOP ON THE LONG TRIP BEING MADE BY THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MR TALBOYS. THIS SESSION HAS BEEN PLANNED SINCE 1976 THOUGH OTHER PLANS FOR WORLD DISARMAMENT TALKS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE 1970'S. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE TO REGARD ANY DISARMAMENT TALKS WITH A FAIR MEASURE OF CYNICISM, IT IS TOO EARLY TO DISMISS THE SPECIAL SESSION AS DOOMED TO CONTAIN LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE. PRESIDENT CARTER IS NOT GOING TO APPEAR AT THE SPECIAL SESSION, WHICH TO SOME EXTENT DOWNGRADES IT, BUT A LARGE NUMBER OF OTHER WORLD LEADERS WILL APPEAR. IN THE MEAN-TIME, PRESIDENT CARTER IS PURSUING WITH VIGOUR AN AGREEMENT ON STRATEGIC ARMS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

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3. "ONE OF THE TROUBLES ABOUT DISARMAMENT TALKS IS THAT WHILE MANY NATIONS MIGHT AGREE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, IT IS DIFFICULT TO FIND ONE PREPARED TO ELIMINATE OR EVEN REDUCE ITS ARMS.
4. "A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ON DIS-

ARMAMENT SHOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD
TO REVIEW THE PRODUCTION OF WEAPONS AND CONSIDER WHETHER
TOO MUCH IS BEING SPENT THAT WAY.

5. "THE SECOND MAJOR TASK THAT MR TALBOYS WILL HAVE IN
THE UNITED STATES IS TO ATTEND THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF
A.N.Z.U.S. IN WASHINGTON....MR TALBOYS WILL HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR AMERICAN ASSESSMENTS - POLITICAL,
ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY - OF THE WHOLE REGION.

6. "MR TALBOYS WILL ALSO DISCUSS TRADE BETWEEN NEW
ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.
IN PARTICULAR HE WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BILL RECENTLY
PASSED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE WHICH WOULD ALMOST
CERTAINLY RESTRICT THE IMPORTS OF BEEF. PRESIDENT
CARTER HAS SHOWN NO LIKING FOR THE BILL AND MAY VETO IT.
MR TALBOYS WILL DOUBTLESS WANT AN ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER
THAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN AND, IF IT DOES, WHAT THE EFFECTS
WILL BE IN THE UNITED STATES." ANDERSON

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